

August 13, 1968

Mr. Chas. Batchelor  
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview with the Assistant  
District Attorney from the New Orleans  
Office of District Attorney Garrison

Sir:

On Wednesday, August 7, 1968 at approximately 11:00 a.m., I received a telephone call at my residence from Bobby Hargis. He informed me that the Assistant District Attorney and another man named Bethel were wanting to interview me concerning events at the time of the President's assassination. I stated that I did not want to talk to these men, that I had nothing to say to them, nor did I feel well enough to talk with anyone. I told him I definitely did not have anything to relate concerning the assassination. At his insistence however, I agreed to let them come to my home.

At 11:00 p.m. they arrived at my residence. They wanted to interview me on events that took place at Bealey Plaza. They questioned me on the directions of the shots - where I thought they originated from. They also asked if I saw Bobby Hargis after the shooting. I replied that I did not know where the shots were coming from, nor had I remembered particularly seeing Hargis after the shots were fired.

These men wanted to make a taped record of my statements. I refused to do this. I informed them that anything I had said was on file with the Warren Commission and that I had absolutely no comments to make to them.

They also asked me if I was surprised when the motorcade turned from Main Street onto Monstee Street. My only reply was "No". They said they wanted me to come to New Orleans to testify but I told them I would not come unless a subpoena made it mandatory that I appear.

They further asked if the Police Department here had questioned me about the assassination. To this I replied that anything concerning the Dallas Police Department could be answered by contacting Chief Batchelor.

These men concluded their visit in approximately ten minutes from the time they arrived.

Respectfully submitted,

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